## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 709 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Stan M. Dickerson, O.D., for expert leadership as President of the Tennessee Optometric Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as medical professionals of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Stan M. Dickerson, O.D., who is an accomplished optometrist and a leader in the field of optometry; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he graduated from the Southern College of Optometry and after graduation, practiced with Dr. Tom McCord of Humboldt. In 1977, Dr. Dickerson moved to Columbia, Tennessee, to assume the position of Director for the Optometric Technology Program at Columbia State Community College; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious college Optometric program trained Optometric

Technicians, and Dr. Dickerson served the college with distinction in this important position until

1981; and

WHEREAS, along with his work with the program, Dr. Dickerson established a private practice of Optometry in Columbia, and he still practices there today; and

WHEREAS, in addition to engaging in private practice in Columbia, Dr. Dickerson finds time to lends his professional expertise and energy to such notable groups as the Advisory Board for Eye Health Partners, of which he is a founding member, and the American Optometric Association, which he has served as a loyal member for a meritorious thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Dickerson has showcased his superb leadership skills through service in such diverse roles as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Trustee, and founding member of

Society; and as Treasurer and Charter member of the Highland Rim Optometric Society; and WHEREAS, he is a dedicated member of twenty-nine years with the Tennessee Optometric Association which he has adeptly served as Trustee and through political activities working with various state legislators. He now commendably serves as President of this fine Association; and

the Duck River Optometric Society; as Vice President of South Central Optometric

WHEREAS, Dr. Dickerson is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of twenty-eight years, Trish, and he is the proud father of three children, Kate, Matt, and Annie; and

WHEREAS, his many commitments and accomplishments aside, Dr. Dickerson epitomizes the spirit and commitment to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts, Girls' Soccer as a coach, and the Maury County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he has also illustrated his giving community spirit by serving on the Board of Directors of the Columbia Girls Fast Pitch Softball League and Big Brothers & Sisters of Columbia, and as President of Brown School PTA, and through membership in Shady Brook Mall and Merchants Association, and Columbia Noon Rotary Club, which has honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbia, Dr. Dickerson serves faithfully as a Sunday School Teacher and as Chairman of the Administrative Board; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Dickerson for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Stan M. Dickerson, O.D. for his meritorious service to the field of Optometry as President of the Tennessee Optometric Association and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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